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- 1. DURING TELCON JULY 16 WITH SIRAJ YUSUF KHAN, EXTERNAL FINANCE JOINT SECRETARY (ALTERNATE GOVERNOR, IMF), ECON/COM COUNSELOR WAS INFORMED THAT GOP DELEGATION WOULD LIKELY CONSIST OF FOLLOWING FIVE PERSONS: FINANCE MINISTER RANA MOHAMMAD HANIF (IBRD GOVERNOR), FINANCE SECRETARY GENERAL, A.G.N. KAZI (IBRD ALTERNATE); STATE BANK GOVERNOR GHULAM ISHAQUE KHAN (IMF GOVERNOR); EXTERNAL FINANCE JOINT SECRETARY SIRAJ YUSUF KHAN; (IMF ALTERNATE) AND DR. ZIAUDDIN AHMAD. ECONOMIC ADVISER. STATE BANK.
- 2. KHAN SAID THAT HIS OFFICE WAS ONLY NOW PUTTING TOGETHER THE RECOMMENDED GOP POSITION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, AND HE THEREFORE COULD NOT SAY WHAT ISSUES WERE LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY PAKISTAN. HE PROMISED TO INFORM EMB OF ANY ITEMS WHICH THE GOP WOULD WANT TO RAISE IN BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH THE US DELEGATION.
- 3. THE GOP HAS TOLD US, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PRODUCER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSUMER DIALOGUQ, THAT IT HOPES VARIOUS UPCOMING INTER-

NATIONAL CONFERENCES WILL TAKE ACTION IN A NUMBER OF AREAS OF INTEREST TO PAKISTAN. REFTEL B TRANSMITS A LENGTHLY AIDE MEMOIRE FROM THE GOP SPELLING OUT THEIR PRIORITIES. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE, AND THOSE MOST CLOSELY RELATED TO THE IMF/IBRD MEETING, ARE PAKISTAN INTEREST IN A MORE PERMANENT IBRD THIRD WINDOW, THE IMF TRUST FUND FOR THE MSAS, THE FIFTH REPLENISHMENT OF IDA, AND THE US-PROPOSED ENRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. WE ASSUME THAT THE GOP DELEGATION WILL WANT TO GO OVER THESE ISSUES IN ANY BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE US./

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